

## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ENFORCEMENT BUREAU REGION ONE

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Pastor Nana Frimpong Power Tabernacle Ministries East Hartford, Connecticut

## NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION

Case Number: EB-FIELDNER-17-00025164

On September 19, 2017, Region One of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's or Commission's) Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) dispatched Agents to investigate a. complaint of an unlicensed FM station operating on the frequency 107.5 MHz in East Hartford, Connecticut. The Agents confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on frequency 107.5 MHz were emanating from the Power Tabernacle Ministries, 3 Bidwell Street, East Hartford, Connecticut. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a radio station on 107.5 MHz at this location in East Hartford, Connecticut. The Agents investigated and determined that you are the operator of the radio broadcast station on 107.5 MHz in East Hartford, Connecticut.

Radio stations operating on a range of frequencies,  $^1$  including 107.5 MHz, must be licensed by the FCC pursuant to Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act).  $^2$  The only exception to this licensing requirement is for certain transmitters using or operating at a power level or mode of operation that complies with the standards established in Part 15 of the Commission's rules.  $^3$  The field strength of your signal on frequency 107.5 MHz was found to exceed the maximum permitted level of 250  $\mu$ V/m at 3 meters for non-licensed devices. Thus, this station is operating in violation of Section 301 of the Act.  $^4$ 

You are hereby warned that operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid radio station authorization, or in violation of the Commission's RF radiation limits, constitutes a violation of the Federal laws cited above and could subject the operator to severe penalties, including, but not limited to, substantial monetary fines, *in rem* arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions, including imprisonment.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 CFR § 73.201.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 301.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 CFR §§ 15.1 et seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 301.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503 and 510.

## UNLICENSED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY.

You have ten (10) days from the date of this notice to respond with any evidence that you have authority to operate granted by the Commission. Your response should be sent to the address in the letterhead and reference the listed case number. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, we are informing you that the Commission's staff will use all relevant material information before it to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure your compliance with FCC Rules. This will include any information that you disclose in your reply.

You may contact this office if you have any questions.

David C. Dombrowski

Regional Director

Region One

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## Attachments:

Excerpts from the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended Enforcement Bureau, "Inspection Fact Sheet", March 2005

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).